



Wednesday, October 14, 2009

Raymond Planning Board
423 Webbs Mills Road
Jordan Small Broadcast Studio

minutes*

ATTENDANCE: Chairman Patrick Clark, William Priest, Greg Foster, Sam Gifford, and Bruce Sanford.

ABSENT: Ginger Wallace & Bob O'Neill (until 7:55 pm). Sam Gifford left at 7:56 pm.

STAFF: Planner Hugh Coxe, Code Enforcement Officer Christopher Hanson, and Karen Strout, Administrative Assistant.

1. CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Clark called the meeting to order at 7:11 pm. A quorum was declared and the evening's agenda was read.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: moved by William Priest seconded by Sam Gifford to accept the minutes as presented for July 8, 2009. Vote: 5/0 Motion carried.

MOTION: moved by William Priest and seconded by Sam Gifford to accept the minutes for September 9, 2009 workshop as distributed. Vote: 5/0 Motion carried.

3. Communications: A letter from Judy and Chase Donaldson, and a response from Planner Hugh Coxe were brought to the attention of the board and will be placed on file in the Town Hall. Copies were distributed in member packets.

4. Growth Management – Hugh reviewed his prepared memo and explained what the ordinance requires relevant to the three-year review. Hugh suggested the board hold a public hearing at the November or December meeting. Chairman Pat Clark asked that a public hearing be scheduled for the December meeting for the Growth Management Ordinance. Bruce Sanford would like to see a copy map of the "measles map". Hugh offered to send out a copy, but explained that is on the website as part of the COMP Plan.

Chairman Clark introduced and welcomed Raymond's new Code Enforcement Officer Chris Hanson.

5. Stream Protection Ordinance- Pat feels necessary to continue on with this for the next Town meeting. One or two workshops will be needed.

Topics discussed included:

- ◆ Same ordinance or with changes?
- ◆ Why did it fail?
- ◆ Changing lot size to two-acre lots?
- ◆ Power point presentation by Hugh
- ◆ Educating board members and public
- ◆ Grandfathering of existing lots
- ◆ Workshop at November meeting to discuss further

Bob O'Neill took his seat on the board at 7:55 pm.

Sam Gifford left the meeting at 7:56 pm.

6. Design guidelines – The discussion was tabled until Nov. 4th meeting. Terry DeWan still working on the edits.

7. Other Business: Hugh passed out a memo to the board on wireless communications.

8. Workshop:

a. Timber Harvesting- Hugh spoke from his prepared memo/briefing sheet. He referenced a memo dated Dec. 2006 from Greg Foster in which he requested the Town to eliminate its ordinance stating that the Town's Ordinance is not being enforced and duplicates the State. Hugh did a comparison – summarizing our ordinance and State's rules. See 8 point prepared memo. A majority of the board members in attendance favored option 4 of the memo (Bob, Greg, Bruce, Bill).

Code Officer Chris Hanson added: “I don't have training to enforce timber harvest and feel the Town ordinance is duplicate.”

These agenda items were tabled to November meeting:

b. Major and minor subdivisions

c. Open space requirements

d. Back lot driveways

9. Adjournment:

MOTION: moved by O'Neill and seconded by Greg Foster to adjourn at 8:57 pm.

Vote: unanimous to adjourn.

Karen G. Strout

Recording Secretary

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